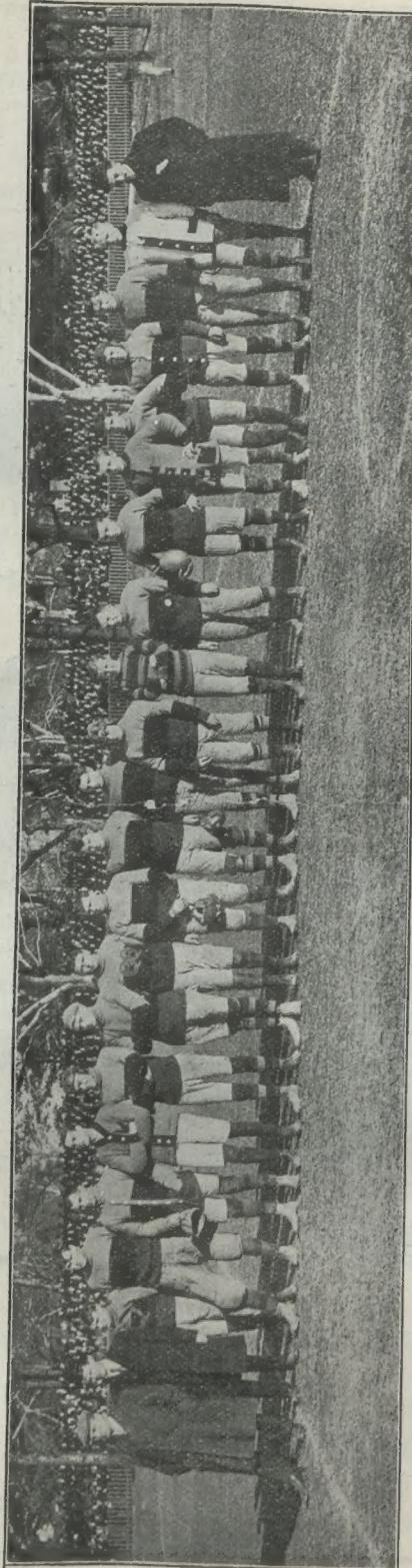


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Taormina--A Sicilian Village.

SHALL I ever forget my first view of Sicily! We had left the land of the Sphinx, and for three days the steamer had tossed, till one sighed for land and almost resolved never to leave terra firma again when we finally arrived there. What a contrast when we got into the water like glass under the lee of the Island, and what a welcome sight when away to the left, towering above us, and shining through the morning mist, stood Etna! Wonderful view! No land visible below, but just this huge gem, dazzlingly beautiful, lifting up her majestic head to pay homage to the new-born day. We landed at Messina, but at once proceeded to Taormina some fifty or sixty miles to the south.

Taormina has a perfect situation, standing six hundred feet above the sea level, with a magnificent view of the straits of Messina. The view is considered one of the finest in Europe, and for my part, Taormina is one of the most lovely spots imaginable. This little hamlet nestling half way up the hill-side with its winding road, its old gates, its long narrow main street and quaint side streets with stone stairways, is altogether a perfect paradise for an artist. The whole hill-side is laid out in terraces and there, as in the rest of Sicily, orange and lemon trees grow in great profusion, also olive and almond trees. We were fortunate in seeing the latter in full bloom. They were very lovely. Try to picture a glorious day in March, sitting on a sunny piazza and looking down on almond trees pink with blossoms, orange groves heavy with fruit ready to be gathered and here and there a garden laid out in the Italian style with pillars and stonework about, gay with many flowers. One was particularly struck with the flowers that grew in such profusion, quite irrespective of season. There were roses, geraniums, lavender, violets, hyacinth and irises all in bloom at the same time. Then, on the grassy slopes below grew prickly pear, large bushes of milky emphorbia and many wild flowers, including the renowned poker-like asphodels. Here and there huge weather-beaten pines stood like sentinels, adding greatly to the beauty of the landscape; and to this, little hamlets here and there, and away, Etna capped in snow, with smoke curling out against the clear blue of the sky. One almost shuddered to think of what might one day be the awful fate of all the villages studded on her slope, and as a final touch in this *bella vista*, was the blue, blue sea with the coast of Calabria shining in the distance.

It is hardly to be wondered at that Taormina is fast becoming a favored resort in Spring. There are several good hotels, one of which is of peculiar in-

terest. It is called the San Dominico and was originally a monastery, but as all the monks died, the property passed into other hands. It is a quaint old place with cloisters, piazza and garden overlooking the straits. The bed-rooms were originally the cells of the monks. The main street has some attractive old shops, and for the curio hunter and lover of antiques there are many tempting things; old Sicilian lace, and drawn thread work are quite a feature of the place.

We found the people very pleasant. Some of them are very good-looking. The women look very picturesque with bright scarves on their heads. The children seemed to us to look unhealthy, and we learned that there was a great deal of sickness in the village, which was hardly to be wondered at when the streets were so narrow, and many of the houses so sunless and damp.

There are many beautiful walks about, one especially, through a wild garden. Then too, one can climb up to the village of Molla about four hundred feet above Taormina. It is worth while doing this for the sake of the view, but the place itself is horribly dirty. One afternoon while rambling along the hill side, we heard a shepherd boy playing on the pipes. It sounded very sweet and pastoral and added to the charm of the place. Another day one of the village boys took us to see the Grottos which are very fine. There is only one thing of any historic interest to see in the place and that is a Greco-Roman theatre. Historically, Syracuse and Gijenti are much more interesting than Taormina, but for natural beauty there is no comparison. It was quite a relief to hear that during the dreadful earthquakes in the district about Messina, beautiful little Taormina had escaped destruction.—Kitt.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The university that ceases to believe in the power of ideas—that ideas are more powerful than force, political parties, men, or circumstances—has lost its *raison d' etre*. The university that teaches in its philosophical department that the highest truth of all ages is "Whosoever shall lose his life shall find it," and then is afraid to apply its teaching when a practical problem confronts the nation, cannot hold its place as a leader in national thought. There are two theories of life, one, the will to live, and the other, the renunciation of the same. These two stand in constant opposition, egotism and altruism. Christ and Buddha demanded that their followers should have faith in self-surrender. The military spirit is self-assertion, it is egotism. Is it to be developed at Queen's contrary to her teaching? Is the university like the church to teach a doctrine which in times of emergency it shall say is unpractical. Do not let us be hypocrites. If we are to have a military corps, let us abolish our chairs of philosophy for the two are inconsistent.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

A Student Volunteer Band has been organized. Meetings are held once a fortnight on Fridays. The questions to be discussed this term are: "What constitutes a call to foreign missions," to be led by Mr. Harold Harrison, on Dec.

3rd; and "Physical, spiritual and intellectual preparation of missionary candidates," led by Miss Margaret Walks, on Dec. 15th. The officers chosen for the year are: Leader, Mr. Malcolm McKechnie; vice-leader, Miss Margaret Walks; secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. S. Scott. The first meeting was taken by the leader, who gave a very able paper on the Christ-ward movement among students.

Un Congé Cruel.

Six charming girls on knowledge bent
With minds and hearts on it intent,
To Kingston city thus they went.

But on their way, while on the train,
Four strapping youths they see, 'tis plain,
They seek those classic halls in vain.

They see the maidens ope the door,
And from them loud the cheers do pour,
With shouts of "Queen's forevermore!"

Then loud the collège songs were heard
And old-time tunes by all preferred,
By lack of notes they're not deterred.

For though in trunks their sheets are packed,
And though true vocal chords they lacked,
A cornet aided all in fact.

And they were led by MacDonnell,
Who has a voice like a cow-bell,
And sang as loud as he could yell.

And now what follows in our tale,
We feel indeed that words us fail,
For memories of it make us quail.

They dared for them some chocolates buy,
And passed them too, with looks not shy,
"And what," I ask," could they reply?"

They passed them back in calm disdain,
From hasty words they did refrain,
But showed their disapproval plain.

With words unchivalrous they greet,
The box of chocolates at their feet,
And words of "slow" the tale complete.

And now, ofttimes, while on the street
These awful boys they chance to meet,
Who wear a smile so *very* sweet.

(In memoriam of Sept. 28th, 1909)—*Contributed.*

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Editorials.

INCE 1888 the athletic organizations of Queen's have been controlled by the Alma Mater Society and their steady progress dates probably from the same time. The success of athletics in Queen's is no doubt chiefly due to the widespread interest taken in them by the students; but it is also in a measure due to a superior organization, a special feature of which is the presence on the committee of lady students, two members of senate and two citizens of Kingston, thus uniting not only all the students, but also the town and gown. Although so many points of view are represented on this unique board, it transacts its business with great unanimity, no dissentient voice being raised even on the burning question of the campus.

Music and debate are on a similar, though not quite so favorable, a footing. Their general committees, appointed by the Alma Mater, include students in all faculties but no citizen or member of the staff. The dramatic interests of the college are outside the Alma Mater, except in so far as Theatre Night requires special action of the society each year.

Perhaps a suggestion from the Sanctum may be fortunate enough to provoke discussion. Year by year the college population—students, staff, trustees, council—grows, until now they, with their immediate friends, form an audience capable of filling with a little effort the largest halls we have, Grant Hall or the theatre. Kingston is a small city, and its regular theatre-goers are not numerous enough to warrant its management venturing to engage the best available talent except in the case of light opera. We have in this country no state-theatre to fall back on. Has the time not come for the college people to consider whether, by some arrangement with the theatre, they might not succeed in bringing to Kingston several times during the winter months actors of the first class? Theatre night might come under a standing committee of the A.M.S., and the Dramatic Club might be enlarged to assist in regular platform training for other students than those who are specially qualified to take part in a public performance.

One committee might undertake the whole work of Music and the Drama; and its organization in that case might be made to correspond more closely to that of the Athletic Committee. Now, why not?

It has been a matter of every day comment that the National Transcontinental Railway is exceeding many times over the original estimated cost of construction. Recent developments are making the reason for this clear. The resignation of Hugh Lumsden, chief engineer, brings to light the fact that the resident engineers have been in league with the contractors to defraud the treasury. Mr. Lumsden states that his subordinates refused to carry out either his general instructions or his specifications regarding classifications, and that large amounts of material had been returned as solid rock which should have been classified as loose rock or common excavation, and material was returned as loose rock which could have been handled by plowing and scraping and should have been classified as common excavation. Thus the contractors waxed fat and the engineers prospered so that their little pay cheques from the government looked paltry. It is just another chapter added to Canada's already voluminous history of graft. It is another case of a strong man being prevented from serving his country by the political machine. His assistants were appointed by party influence and Mr. Lumsden had no power to discharge them even for the most flagrant breaches of duty. The only honorable course left to him was to throw up his job and he did it like a man. Now it is up to Sir Wilfrid and the Railway Commission to clean up a bit.

Queen's University Naturalists' Club is again doing business at the old stand and has already held two very successful meetings with the president, Mr. A. B. Klugh, in the chair. The organization is in a flourishing condition and not only affords its members a great deal of pleasure but a vast amount of useful information as well. The Executive of the Club extend a hearty invitation to all Queen's students to attend its meetings and wishes it understood that all addresses and papers are made as non-technical as possible. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in the Pass Botany Classroom, Old Arts Building.

The Journal wishes to thank the Engineering Society for the invitation to their Annual Dinner. We anticipate an enjoyable time.

The eighteenth annual report of the Provincial Bureau of Mines has come to hand. It is well gotten up and is profusely illustrated with excellent maps and half-tone plates, especially of Northern Ontario and of mineralogical specimens. Even a glance through it serves to deepen the impression that the great area reaching to James' Bay, rich in agricultural and mineral resources, is to become a peopled country. The greatness of these and the rapidity with which they are being opened up makes one hope with some apprehension that there may be maintained there the highest standards of Canadian education, business, and

life. It must be gratifying to those interested in the School of Mining that so many of the names which appear in the report in connection with this work are those of her own staff and graduates. Prominent among these are: Prof. M. B. Baker, E. T. Corkill, Inspector of Mines, and N. C. Bowen, E. L. Bruce, J. S. King and H. T. White. No report, of course, would be complete without mention of the work done by Dr. Miller and Prof. Brock.

"A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," to quote Kipling, so the *Balcony* is much indebted to Messrs. George McGowan Co. for the fragrant Milos donated on theatre night.

Last year the play presented by Queen's Dramatic Club was a decided success. We expect that the notices posted announcing the presentation of "The Rivals," on Dec. 1st, at the Opera House, are an intimation of just such another delightful evening for all who attend.

The contracts have been let for the new chemistry building and call for the building to be completed by Sept. 10th, 1910. The contractors have already started to work and it is to be hoped that they will hustle things along as fast as possible so that the new building will be ready for use by the opening of college next fall. Since we cannot have a campus by all means let us have buildings without any further delay.

Now are the days of At Homes, dances, etc., and the Journal wishes to remind the different years and committees in charge of arrangements that there are merchants, caterers, musicians who, by their "ads," are helping to support the Journal and Y.M.C.A. hand-book. The supplies from these men are for a special time, and their services are in demand as far as students are concerned only for a few weeks at most. We should not forget this, but give them the benefit of our patronage whenever we can.

It costs you Fifty Cents to register your vote at Alma Mater Elections. The Society needs that fifty cents to pay for your privileges. The University needs the expression of your opinion, and you need to take that interest in University life.

Ladies.

THE Levana play "A Lunch in the Suburbs" which was postponed at the request of the Dramatic Club will take place on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 8th, in Convocation Hall at eight o'clock. It is a new departure for the Levana Society to admit the general public to their meetings, and it is hoped that everyone will take the advantage of the opportunity. The cast is well chosen and every effort is being made to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of the Levana. During the evening, selections will be given by the Ladies' Glee Club and other Levana talent. Tickets may be obtained from members of the cast or at the College P. O., for twenty-five cents.

At a regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Friday, Nov. 19th, a paper on Home Mission Work was given by Mrs. Dyde. To many of her hearers the nature and scope of the work defined by Mrs. Dyde was a revelation, for she dealt with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which is, perhaps, not so well known as it ought to be or as we are sure it will be in the future, at least by the Queen's Girls. Three hospitals at Atlin, Tewlon and Wakaw have been organized and are being supported by this society, and very interesting indeed was Mrs. Dyde's description of the work being done there—almost at our door. It is thought that the girls of Queen's will soon plan to have a share in this society and in realizing its suggestive motto "Canada for Christ."

Twenty-four girls of the year '09, who are so fortunate as to be still in attendance at Queen's, were delightfully entertained on Thursday, Nov. 25th, at the home of Miss Edith Goochin. Pens and notebooks gave way, for the time being, to needles and thimbles, and the most serious student of the number found it natural and fitting to discuss Christmas ideas and the newest joke, or to take her turn in playing with the 'sweetest little kitten.' Needless to say the afternoon was particularly enjoyable for all, and they are surer than ever that '09 is the best year yet and our hostess one of its most charming members.

Miss P.—"We had a team of horses out West this summer; we called one Cook and the other Peary. Now, why?"

Miss E.—"Because there was a pole between them."

We hear that a very interesting address on—————will be given shortly, by Miss B. L--d--r who named the Education Society.

One morning a heavy thunder shower was coming up. The lightning was extraordinarily vivid, and two little boys, aged five and seven years, were watching the flashes with fascination. At length one little fellow expressed his feelings in the words—"My, God must have a lot of matches up there!"

Arts.

EVERY year about this time, we hear of the excesses of a rowdy element of the student body of some University. On the night of November 11th, a large number of Glasgow students rioted at the Coliseum Music Hall, did considerable damage and for some time kept the police busily occupied. The disturbance was caused by an entertainer who, in reply to some rather disparaging comments, made statements reflecting on the students.

The Caput of the University of Toronto has but lately dealt out stern justice to some erring black paint artists.

We had our own little trouble last fall, which was caused by the interference of certain unconcerned parties. There is that restless energy which is always found in every University and which is seeking some outlet. It is fully occupied between Christmas and the Spring examinations.

With an annual parade and theatre night during the fall term, this exuberance spends itself within perfectly proper and legal limits. Everyone is satisfied, and there are no serious consequences. We venture to say that all will be well this term.

At the first regular meeting of the Political Science and debating club, Nov. 25th, a very interesting debate, "*Resolved that Government sale or lease of land is preferable to the homestead system,*" formed the programme.

The affirmative was ably upheld by Messrs. Weaver and Curtin, to whom the victory was awarded. The negative, taken by Messrs. Montgomery and Twigg, although quite clearly stated, deviated slightly from the subject.

The debate was quite instructive, giving us a good idea of the conditions under which our great west is being settled.

All those present at the reception given by Professor Morrison, report a most enjoyable time. The students in History had the opportunity of meeting one another and of finding out that our genial host was just as entertaining outside as in the lecture room.

The Curators should see that the club room door be immediately replaced. The piano offers no objection with the door closed, but at present it can be heard quite plainly in the class rooms. Why was the door removed anyway?

The students are quite enthusiastic as to the formation of a military corps, and immediate steps are being taken to organize.

Some little difficulty has arisen as to uniforms. All are agreed that the kilts would be preferable, as being most distinctive of Queen's. A few strong objections however have been raised against them, and the matter has been referred back to the Committee for the present.

The question of finance and also that of climatic changes enter into the problem. Yet, if at all possible, let us have the kilts and we will brave the weather. They would make more for the success of the project than any other factor.

Science.

VISIT TO THE GENERAL ELECTRIC IN PETERBOROUGH.

ON Friday Nov. 19th, Commander-in-chief, L. W. Gill with Lieutenant E. W. Henderson marshalled the forces of the Final year Electricals for a visit to the General Electric Works, Peterborough. The campaign was strenuous and short consisting as it did of long hours, rapid transit and forced marches.

Leaving Kingston at 2.15 a.m. (an unearthly hour for Rip Van Winkle Cockeye) the small contingent reached Peterborough at 8.20 a.m. Immediately the forces were assembled and the conquest began. A march was made to the General Electric works where the force was kindly received by the managers of the works, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Dobey. The whole morning was spent in inspecting the plant, and when it is said that about 1500 men and girls are employed there, one will realize that it is a very large plant. Through the kindness of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Dobey, everything of interest, technically, was pointed out and discussed. Every department was visited, and apart from things technical, "Knox" Mackenzie and "Vertical Plane" Butler claim that the winding department is by far the most interesting, for reasons best known to those present.

From observations taken by Alpha Menoris Madden, presumably the observations of the inner man, noon was proclaimed and the corps returned to headquarter camp. Too soon after dinner, so Dr. Treadwell Drury claimed, another march was made to the Quaker Oats factory. The work here was interesting but space will not permit any lengthy description. From statistics taken by "Satan" Dobson, 3500 bushel of oats are used and 100,000 packages of cereals are turned out per day.

Next of interest was a visit to the power house, where power for the street railway, etc. is generated from the Otonabee river. The Commander-in-chief then ordered a sortie to the Lift Locks, a construction of especial interest to the Engineering profession.

A visit was also made to the Automatic Telephone Exchange, where by very complicated electrical mechanism, the necessity of telephone girls is obviated, and automatic machines take their place. Manager Scovil does not believe in the change.

Alpha Menoris Madden, corporal of the commissariat, provided provisions for the return trip, but at the station at Peterborough, very serious inroads were made on the stores by "John Wesley" Malloch, not to gratify his own desires however, be it said, but rather to share what we had with another, (all for the price of a smile). The return trip was made without event and everyone voted that though the day was quite 24 hours long, it was most edifying and enjoyable.

Medicine.

THE Medical Dance was held in Grant Hall on Nov. 19th. This year the Committee in charge had spared no efforts to make this Dance a very brilliant function, and success crowned their efforts in very respect.

In spite of a rather unpleasant evening, fully five hundred attended and of this number we have never heard of one who had not an excellent time. In fact, some gentlemen who attend most of the functions at Queen's, declare it the best dance they ever attended in Kingston.

Music was supplied by Merry's Orchestra, and was up to the usual standard of excellence. While the Orchestra were at refreshments, Miss Bull, Musician at the Rockwood Hospital, delighted the dancers by two selections on the piano.

The refreshments were good. Nothing very elaborate was attempted, but everything was in good taste and the service was the best ever given at a similar function.

What pleased the boys most was the presence of the Professors and their wives. Practically the whole Medical staff were there, only three being unavoidably detained.

The thanks of the Medical faculty are extended to the Patronesses, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Dr. Mundell, Mrs. Dr. Knight, Mrs. Dr. J. Connell, and to the Principal for the gracious manner in which they received the guests.

It is said there is a new brand of tea advertised, "The Levana Tea."

We hear that Bill Hale is negotiating the purchase of a new alarm clock. It is locking the stable after the horse is stolen.—He should have taken time by the forelock—it would have saved a pair of cab horses much fatigue, a fair lady much anxiety and disappointment, and himself much humiliation. The first thing we know we'll let the cat out of the bag, and Bill will——but enough said. If you are curious and would take the risk, ask Bill.

Divinity.

IN connection with the topic for discussion at the Y. M. C. A. last week,—"The Ministry as a life work," the question, what constitutes a "call" was raised. It has been thought by some, that men are called to the ministry in an altogether different way from that by which men are led to choose any other profession. Some years ago a medical student in London was walking about the east end late in the evening. Between two buildings, he saw a boy crawl into an empty barrel and "cuddle doon" for the night. Within the walls of the yard of an adjacent warehouse, he found some seventy lads similarly housed for the night. This young man completed his course and became Dr. Barnardo, the friend and benefactor of an almost countless number of homeless children. Surely if any man was ever called to do a definite work, so was this founder of the Barnardo homes. There came to his notice a great need. Here were homeless ones who needed to be cared for and kept from the evil influences among which they were

thrown. It was this consciousness of a great need to which he might minister, that led him into his life work. This has always been the true divine call to men. Men whose work has been more than merely the means of gaining a livelihood, have always felt that their efforts have counted in the true uplift of their own world. We, as students who have in view the christian ministry, feel that we are privileged to minister to what we believe the greatest need in our time—a living interest in the person and message of Jesus of Nazareth. We believe we can do this best through the channels open to the minister of the christian church. This is our call.

Owing to the address of Mr. Lawson Chambers being given at 4 p.m., Friday, the meeting of the Theological Society was postponed to Friday afternoon, Dec. 3rd. At this meeting the topic for discussion is—"Problems of the Home Mission field."

Divinity Hall has nominated John MacGillivray as their candidate for the office of Critic of the Alma Mater Society. Mr. MacGillivray is now in his third year in Divinity, and during all his course taken an active interest in the meetings and work of the A. M. S.

Education.

ONE more step has been made,—another part of our work begun. Last week we started our practise teaching in the Collegiate Institute, and probably none looked forward with any great degree of pleasure to the first lesson. As most of us know, it is one thing to teach a class, but quite a different affair to do so when there is someone watching the whole proceeding, with a view of estimating the value of the teacher's work. We are sure to have the same feeling as is experienced by any teacher during the visit of the inspector.

However, we do not mean in the least that the masters in the Collegiate acted as if they were trying to criticize our work adversely;—on the contrary, everyone has spoken of the attitude of the Collegiate teachers in terms of the greatest praise. Their chief concern has been to offer us a few kindly suggestions, embodying the results of their own experience. So although we may go into the class-rooms instinctively feeling that they are 'picking holes' in our work, we *really* know that their thoughts are quite different from this, and we fully appreciate their kindness.

Of course, our practise teaching is quite different from what we will have in our own schools, for here we have only one isolated lesson with each class, and hence are unaware of what has previously been done in that subject. Moreover, we know nothing of the characteristics of the individual pupils,—in fact, not even their names. This plan of teaching a single lesson to each of a number of classes, thus has a very serious disadvantage, but, from the nature of things, there is no other method available to gain the end in view. So we must make the best of the course which has to be adapted,—and, truly it will prove of great value to us, for we will reap the benefit of the wide experience of the teachers, just in the points where they notice that we need it most.

Just two weeks more till the series of examinations on the subjects of the High School course, and we are beginning to find out how much of this work we have forgotten. Evidently the review of the High School work, from an academic standpoint, is going to prove considerably more difficult than most of us expected.

(Several of the students were looking over an old examination paper in Household Science).

W. W. D-ss-, "Say, boys, how would you do this,—Describe how to make a button-hole?"

F. D. W-ll-c-, "Oh, cut it out."

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Exchanges.

THE MONTH.

What visionary tints the year puts on,
When falling leaves falter through motionless air
Or numbly cling and shiver to be gone.—*Lowell*.

The *Xaverian* comes to us from old Antigonish, N. S. It is attractive externally but not from "within." Its long articles on Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," "Cardinal Newman A Sketch," "The School and the Social Question," and "Settlement of Labor Disputes" are admirably written, full of beautiful thought and would fit well in the journal of some literary club; but for a college paper, we claim it is too narrow in its scope. Not that such articles as the foregoing make a paper narrow; on the contrary, when properly regulated in number and length with the paper as a whole, they surely give that paper a higher tone. But when such articles comprise the whole of a journal, then that journal becomes narrow. We would suggest, *Xaverian*, that you cut down considerably your literary space and introduce and give more room to a few of the other departments that constitute a college journal.

Mary had a little lamb,
She couldn't get a lot:
Her slice was just about the size
The other boarders got.—Ex.

"That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold logic engine with all of its parts of equal strength and in smooth working order, ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of his mind; whose mind is stored with a knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of nature and of the laws of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant

of a tender conscience, who has learned to love all beauty, whether of nature or of art, to hate all vileness, and to respect others as himself. Such a one and no other, I conceive, has had a liberal education; for he is, completely as can be, in harmony with nature"—*Huxley, The University Monthly.*

A WOODLAND POOL.

Hushed are the woods and gorgeous are the skies,
 Flushed with the splendors of the drooping sun,
 Quiet, alone, with all the day's work done,
 I gaze into a silver pool where dies
 The crimson cloud, the vault that deeper lies;
 And nearer, in robes of gold and scarlet spun,
 The autumn trees, to riot of colour run,
 Stand tall as kings in radiant panoplies.
 O that this hour might never pass away!—
 Slow o'er the pool the first dead leaf floats down
 Through the faintest gray of evening's chilling breath:
 The water shudders: all the fairy day
 Is blurred: the gold fades slowly into brown,
 Earth's glory bathes her benedictions—Death!—*Fleur De Lis.*

Music and Drama.

THE executive of the Dramatic Club are at present considering the advisability of re-organizing as a club of the A. M. S., like the musical and athletic clubs. The independence of the present position has, doubtless, its advantages, but it is considered that these are more than counterbalanced by the disadvantages. The club has at present no strong financial backing, the members of the executive holding themselves personally responsible for the obligations they incur; if there were to be a deficit, they would have to dip down into their own pockets. Fortunately there appears not the remotest danger of this at present, but the responsibility of the position cannot but worry those who are managing the club. And where are the proceeds to go? Missions and oyster suppers are both worthy objects, but neither would suit so well as the coffers of the A. M. S. From late experience it would seem that it is quite reasonable to expect a surplus from the club, more especially so if the influence of the A. M. S. were brought to bear in its favor. Present appearances indicate that the club would be anything but a burden to the A. M. S. Again, the fact that there are no official connections with the A. M. S. makes co-operation rather difficult. At present the Dramatic Club performance has no official recognition from the Society, being put on wholly as a result of the efforts of a few individuals enough interested in dramatic art to take the trouble and responsibility. It is hoped that by means of a more permanent organization a more general interest in the club's work will be developed.

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 26th, the Orchestra gave a concert at Rockwood, at the invitation of Dr. Barber. The staff gave the boys a most hospitable reception, supper being served after the performance. The hall is of a good size, and the stage, which accommodated the whole Orchestra comfortably, is completely fitted out with a curtain and all the other requisites. A varied programme of ten selections was given, and was well received.

Alumni.

MR. Lawson P. Chambers, M.A., '05, is with us for a short time. His work has been in scenes not familiar to many of us and possessing not a little interest. When he graduated, he went out to Bardezog, Ismidt, Turkey in Asia, to teach in his father's school. His father, by the way, is one of our oldest graduates, having taken his B.A. in 1866. Mr. Chambers worked with his father for three years and then gave up teaching to go into Y.M.C.A. work in Turkey in connection with the schools and colleges. For some time past he has been travelling in England, United States and Canada looking into the most modern methods of Y. M. C. A. administrations. We have heard, too, with great interest of his thrilling experiences in the Adana massacres. We all join in most heartily welcoming Mr. Chambers back to his old Alma Mater.

Miss Edith Code, B.A., '02, was married in June last to Mr. G. B. Docker, of Heward, Sask.

C. J. Curtin, B.A., B.Sc., '07, has accepted a position as assistant to C. W. Workman, B.Sc., '03, who is engineer at the Santo Domingo mine, Jalisco, Mexico. We fear that "Jerry" will have to stop playing hockey and take to bull fighting as a vent for his athletic energy if he migrates to this country of adobe and dark skinned women.

The position of mine surveyor with the International Coal Company, Coleman, Alta., vacated by Mr. Curtin, has been filled by T. B. Williams, B.Sc., '09.

J. K. Workman, '04, C. W. Baker, '05, D. G. Kilburn, '07, and G. C. Keith, '07, are Science graduates who have recently deserted the ranks of the bachelor's for matrimonial felicity.

M. Y. Williams, B.Sc., '09, is at present the holder of a post-graduate scholarship at Yale University.

Rev. Logie Macdonnell, M.A., '04, who is preaching in Vernon, B.C., has received a call to Prince Rupert, B.C. The acceptance of the call is still under consideration. Mrs. Macdonnell is a Queen's graduate too, she attended college as Miss Ursilla Macalister and graduated in 1900.

Athletics.

MR. SLITER ON THE BIG GAME.

Kingston, Nov. 29, '09.

(To the Editor of the Journal):—These remarks on the recent Dominion championship game are sent you with the idea that some of your readers may care to know how the game looked to one who witnessed it with the single object of comparing Intercollegiate with the Interprovincial football.

In the first place, it should be borne in mind that while Varsity won the Intercollegiate championship, it cannot fairly be said that Queen's and McGill were out-classed; nor can anyone seriously maintain that Hamilton was much, if any, superior to Ottawa. Making due allowance for an "off-day" on the part of the Eastern men, it seems reasonable to infer that Saturday's game may be taken as a fair criterion of the class of football played in the two unions.

The result of the game was never in doubt. Varsity backs out-kicked the Ottawa men, and did much less fumbling; their running was more effective, their passing better timed, and more accurate. The lines were fairly matched while in the line of scrimmage; but in speed, following-up, and tackling, Varsity shewed marked superiority. It was noticeable, too, that when the ball got loose, it was generally secured by Varsity. Time after time Williams punts were run back for large gains, owing to the ineffective tackling of the Ottawa forwards. Ottawa's ends were circled repeatedly, no consideration whatever being shown for the reputation of her outside wings. Ottawa's backs could never get away, but were smothered by the speed and sure tackling of the Toronto forwards.

In team-work, and variety of play, the students were superior, though it should be remembered that swift and sure tackling tends to put a stop to all but straight football, while weak tackling opens the way for all kinds of spectacular plays. Still it must be said that the Toronto team worked more systematically, and gave their opponents fewer opportunities, while the Eastern men were caught napping many times, especially by short kicks and long passes. The Ottawa backs showed questionable judgment in passing behind goal, by which they seldom accomplished anything, and sometimes escaped disaster by the narrowest of margins. On one occasion, Gerard was forced to dribble out, after an inaccurate long pass which Varsity's outside right nearly intercepted.

It is with no wish to depreciate Varsity's brilliant performance that the writer expresses his conviction that Queen's, and probably McGill, would have beaten the Interprovincial champions playing as they did on Saturday.

The students of Queen's will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that Queen's representatives were shown every courtesy and received many favors from the Varsity management.—E. O. S.

HOCKEY.

The Intercollegiate Hockey schedule for the coming season is:

SENIOR.

January 21—McGill at Laval. Toronto at Queen's.
January 28—Queen's at McGill. Laval at Toronto.
February 4—McGill at Queen's. Toronto at Laval.
February 11—Queen's at Laval. McGill at Toronto.
February 18—Queen's at Toronto. McGill at Toronto.
February 25—Toronto at McGill. Laval at Queen's.

INTERMEDIATE.

The Intermediate Intercollegiate schedule was also drawn up in four sections as follows:—

Section A—McGill and Laval, play-off to take place before January 28.

Section B—Queen's and R.M.C. play-off to take place before January 28.

Section C—Varsity, McMaster, Trinity, play-off before February 5th.

Section D—Winners of A and B to play-off with winner of C.

If A wins there will be one sudden death game played off in Kingston with the winners of C. If B. wins there will be home games with the winner of C.

Toronto has the rugby trophy; but Oh, that Allan Cup!

TRACK CLUB.

The officers of the Track Club were chosen at the last meeting of the Alma Mater Society. The newly constituted executive is a strong one and should be able to boom the interest in track work next year. It will have to handle the Intercollegiate Meet next fall as that event comes to Queen's then, for the second time since the Intercollegiate arrangement in track sports was established. The officers of the Club are: Hon. president, Professor Dyde; president, D. E. Foster; vice-president, C. E. Paul; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Ramsay; committee, A. A. Wallace, A. A. McKay.

THE CURLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Curling Club was held Saturday evening when preparations for the approaching season were made by the filling of the various offices. The following are the officers:—Hon. president, Professor Dyde; president, D. C. Ramsay, M.A.; vice-president, E. H. Brower; secretary-treasurer, P. T. Pilkey.

WHAT THE GAME MEANS FOR TORONTO.

The bringing together of 1,300 Toronto University students, all in full sympathy with the college team, in the great fight against Ottawa, will have greater results in the direction of the development of a healthy college spirit than any other means that could have been devised. In addition to this the name of Toronto University will be carried in newspaper reports to nooks and crannies where it would never have gone had the rugby team not been playing for the Dominion championship. No less than 100 newspaper men were present at the game. Good football has more uses than some people are inclined to admit.

TORONTO VS OTTAWA—NOTES OF THE BIG GAME.

10,000 people saw the big game for the Dominion Rugby championship at Toronto, on Saturday. This is probably a record attendance for Canadian rugby, and is undoubtedly the largest number of people that ever saw a match in Toronto. Those who saw the game tell the Journal that the arrangements for handling the crowd were admirable, reflecting great credit on the Toronto management. Thirty trusties of Chief of Police Grassett were on the job for the day, but did nothing beyond patrol duty. The executive of the Canadian Union co-operated with the Toronto University Athletic Association in making arrangements in connection with the game, the secretary of the Union, Mr. W. J. Slee, being especially active.

THE OFFICIALS.

Dr. W. B. Hendry and W. McMaster handled the game and proved beyond doubt that the objections raised by the Ottawa Club management were unnecessary. The decisions throughout the game impressed the spectators as being strictly impartial. In addition to this, no laxity in enforcement of rules can be charged against either official. The rough spots were picked out carefully, and offenders punished by a rest on the side line.

In connection with the other officials of the game, it will be of interest to Queen's students to know that four gentlemen closely connected with the college stood so high in the confidence of the contesting teams as to be called into service. Ben Simpson was goal umpire at one end. Opposite line was H. P. May, an ex-rugby man. Mr. E. O. Sliter and Marty Walsh took charge of the work on the side lines.

Another outstanding feature of the game was the rooting of the club, especially organized for the day. It consisted of 600 student voices, headed by the band of the 48th Highlanders. It is said that this noise machine made the Ottawa bugle band seem as silent as a grave-yard. The rooters' club had been trained in popular songs, and told the story of their team and its achievements to the latest and most catchy airs.

THE HUMAN T-O-R-O-N-T-O..

In the west bleachers the word T-O-R-O-N-T-O was spelled out by the arrangement of a section of students garbed in white sweaters. The background was of blue. Against this the men were so seated as to mark out the word after the fashion of a floral design. The effect of the device was good beyond comparison.

De Nobis.

P. T. PILKEY to W. A. Kennedy in Journal Sanctum.—“Isn’t there a meeting of the Curling Club somewhere about?”

W. A. K.—“Yes, over in the ladies’ cloak room.” Exit Pete in haste.

Freshman to Miss Dunlop,—“Say, on what day does Wednesday’s Journal come out?”

Mr. R.—(assisting Mr. X home after theatre night)—“I can’t find the keyhole.”

Mr. X.—“Come down under the electric light—(hic).”

Mr. W.—“We tossed up a copper to see who should see her home.”

Mr. T.—“And who won?”

Mr. W.—“Won! I lost, and I had to see her home.”

Scene—A rural school in Saskatchewan: Characters—Sc. ’12 student and the public school inspector.

I. P. S.—“Are you the teacher?”

Student—“Yes.”

I. P. S.—“What certificate have you for teaching?”

Student—“None.—But I’m a Queen’s student.”

G. N. Ur-e,—(at ’10 supper, Saturday night, answering the toast, the “Coop”)—“They call it the coop: funny, isn’t it? because the natives are no chickens.”

Inspector—“That fellow don’t know much about addition.”

Teacher (Queen’s student)—“No—and never will.”

Inspector—“Do you think its constitutional?”

Teacher—“Oh, no! I think its born in him.”

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